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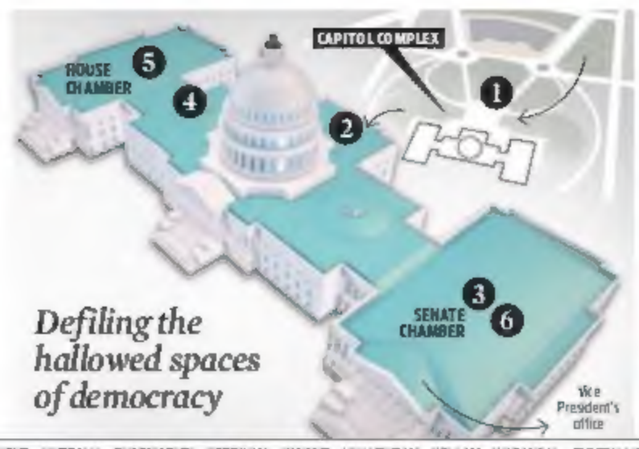

Defiling the hallowed spaces of democracy

1. **1.10 pm (US time):** Protesters pull down barricades on the West Front of the Capitol
2. **2.15 pm:** Mob enters buildings in the Capitol complex
3. **2.15 pm:** Senators evacuated from the chamber
4. **2.30 pm:** Protesters roam around Statuary Hall, carrying flags
5. **2.43 pm:** Police with guns drawn watch as protesters try to break into the House Chamber
6. **2.59 pm:** Protesters enter Senate chamber, mock leaders, take selfies

Trump supporters massed outside the Capitol on Wednesday before breaking into it; (Below) Capitol Police with guns drawn stand near a barricaded door as protesters try to break into the House Chamber | AP

CAPITOL DISGRACE

Trump incites supporters at a rally, claiming he had won the presidential race, goads them to fight like hell

Says he would go with them to the Capitol, but doesn't. He slips into his car and goes to the White House instead

Supporters storm Capitol Hill where joint session of House, Senate was on to count electoral votes

One woman shot and killed by police during attempt by mob to break through a barricaded door; three others die too

Trump calls the mob patriots in tweet; Twitter bans him for a day; Facebook, Insta block him for the rest of his term

Session resumes after mob's eviction; V-P Mike Pence defies Trump, affirms President-elect Joe Biden's victory

Trump finally says there will be orderly transition on January 20; Reps weigh options to stop Don even before his term ends

Where are they?" a Trump supporter demanded in a crowd of dozens roaming the halls of the Capitol, bearing Trump flags and pounding on doors. They — lawmakers, staff members and more — were hiding under tables, hunkered in lockdowns, saying prayers and seeing the fruits of the country's divisions up close and violent.

Guns were drawn. A woman was shot and killed by police, and three others died in apparent medical emergencies. A Trump flag hung on the Capitol. The graceful Rotunda reeked of tear gas. Glass shattered. On Wednesday, hallowed spaces of American democracy, one after another, yielded to the occupation of Congress, the Associated Press reported.

The pro-Trump mob took over the presiding officer's chair in the Senate, the offices of the House speaker and the Senate dais, where one yelled, "Trump won that election."

They mocked its leaders, posing for photos in the office of House Speaker Nancy Pelosi, one with his feet propped on a desk in her office, another sitting in the same seat Vice President Mike Pence had occupied only moments before during the proceedings to certify the Electoral College vote. That certification would eventually take place, but not until well after midnight.

After the dust settled, several White House officials resigned and House Judiciary Democrats circulated new articles of impeachment saying Trump committed high crimes and violated his oath to faithfully execute the office of the presidency by inciting violence. Within his Republican party itself, moves were afoot to explore ways to remove him from office for the remaining two weeks of his term.

Some critics would argue

that while Trump wore his crassness on his sleeve, the US has always been that way but with a lot more polish. The mayhem the US injected across the world for decades to germinate democracies led to bloody uprisings and the African and Arab Springs, repercussions of which are still being felt. Wednesday's failed insurrection merely showed a mirror to the US of the havoc its policies have caused elsewhere though it keeps lecturing the world on democracy.

What happened during the day was nothing less than an attempted coup, said Republican lawmaker Diana DeGette. Police recovered two pipe bombs and Molotov cocktails. As the mob got out of control, police evacuated lawmakers, grabbing boxes of Electoral College certificates as they left.

The mess ended after heavily armed officers brought in as reinforcements started using tear gas to get people moving toward the door.

Video footage showed officers letting people calmly walk out the doors despite the rioting and vandalism. Only about a dozen arrests were made. "This is how a coup is started," said another Republican lawmaker Jimmy Gomez. "This is how democracy dies."

The world reacted in horror, with Prime Minister Narendra Modi tweeting: "Distressed to see news about rioting and violence in Washington DC. Orderly and peaceful transfer of power must continue. The democratic process cannot be allowed to be subverted through unlawful protests." P8,12

FY20-21

Centre estimates pandemic to pull down GDP growth to -7.7%

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ New Delhi

INDIA'S pandemic-battered economy will shrink only 7.7% in the ongoing financial year (FY21) and not the near 10% decline projected by international agencies like the IMF and World Bank, according to the government's advance GDP estimate released on Thursday.

According to the Finance Ministry, the GDP estimates reflect resurgence in economic activities in the third and fourth quarters. "The continuous quarter-on-quarter growth endorses the strength of economic fundamentals of the country to sustain a post-lockdown V-shaped recovery," a ministry statement read.

However, the government's projections would still make FY21 the worst year for Indian economy since independence.

In FY20, GDP had grown 4.2% — the slowest in 11 years.

Real GDP at constant prices in FY21 is likely to attain a level of ₹134.40 lakh crore as against the provisional estimate of ₹145.66 lakh crore in FY20.

Nominal GDP, which includes the price increases along with real output growth, is projected to contract 4.2% to ₹194.82 lakh crore.

The first advanced GDP estimate is based on data of a seven-month period (April–October)— using a mix of data such as corporate results, agriculture production, transport and freight estimates, IIP, and bank deposits. The projection may be revised when better data is available. The second advance estimate is due to be released on February 26.

CRASH

CS SANTOSH IN INDUCED COMA

The racer was put in a medically-induced coma after suffering a big accident during Stage 4 of Dakar Rally | P17

WATCH OUT

Expert flags Covishield's neuro-inflammatory risk

BALA CHAUHAN @ Bengaluru

On the eve of the launch of Covishield, the Oxford-AstraZeneca-Serum Institute of India (SII) vaccine for Covid-19 in the country, medical experts have drawn attention to some unanswered questions in a public assessment report. These pertain to the control of the transmission of SARS-CoV-2, its efficacy against the new strains of N501Y & B1.1.7 or other such mutations in the spike protein of the SARS-CoV-2 virus and the reported adverse events (of the vaccine).

"The reported adverse events of the vaccine suggest that there is a high risk of neuro-inflammatory disorders, including transverse myelitis, facial nerve palsies and trigeminal neuralgia that need to be closely monitored," Dr Vishal Rao, well-known oncologist and member of an expert committee of the Covid Task Force, Government of Karnataka, has pointed out in a scientific correspondence, which was shared with *The News Indian Express*.

Experts have also raised concerns about some other open issues regarding the vaccine, such as the duration of protection from antibody response and dosing beyond the two-dose schedule, effectiveness of the vaccine against long-term effects of Covid-19 disease, effectiveness in children below 18 years of age, pregnant, lactating women and immune-compromised individuals.

While commending the transparency, good clinical and ethical practices of the vaccine in 'The Public Assessment Report of the Authorisation for Temporary Supply of AZD1222 from the MHRA, Government of UK,' Dr Rao has stated that the data presented in this report has some "unanswered questions pertaining to the control of the transmission of SARS-CoV-2 or to prevent infection, though it seems to reduce the intensity of the illness. We will have to continue to wear face masks even after getting vaccinated," he has stated.

The Public Assessment Report has highlighted Adverse Events (AEs), Serious Adverse Events (SAEs) and the risks that ought to be included in the information for healthcare professionals and recipients of the AstraZeneca/Serum Institute of India Covid-19 vaccine 'Covishield.'

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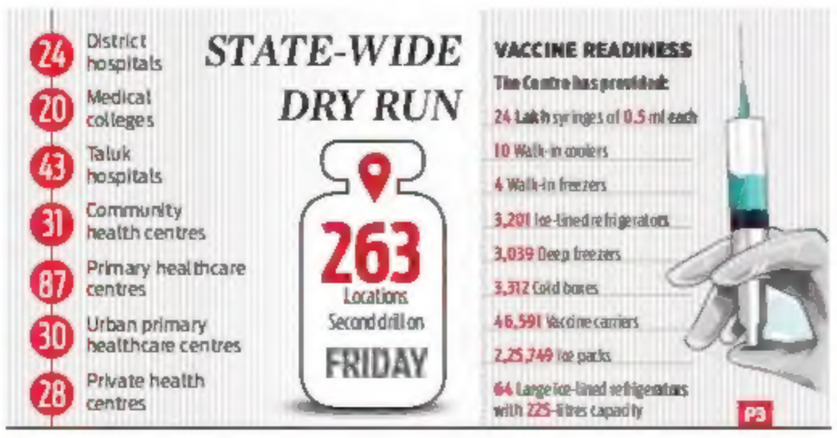

Ex-CS to head reforms panel

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ Bengaluru

BARELY seven days after retirement, former Chief Secretary T M Vijaya Bhaskar has been appointed by the state government as chairman of the Administrative Reforms Commission-2. In view of technological changes, the working of the various government entities have changed over the last five years, and more so in the last one year. Hence, there is a need to review the various administrative mechanisms in line with 21st century requirements, a government order said. P5

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